

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of the claims replaces all prior versions and listing of the claims in the present application.

Listing of Claims:

1-42. (canceled)

43. (previously presented) A microcircuit card assembly, comprising in combination:

a base with a pocket in said base, said base having a through-hole for receiving a key ring; and

a preliminary base card larger than said pocket, said preliminary base card having a weakened line that delimits a small card that is detachable from said preliminary base card at said weakened line, said small card being held entirely within said pocket when inserted therein, said small card comprising an antenna and a microcircuit.

44. (previously presented) The microcircuit card assembly of claim 43, further comprising a key ring passing through said through-hole.

45. (previously presented) The microcircuit card assembly of claim 43, wherein said small card is contactless.

46. (previously presented) The microcircuit card assembly of claim 43, wherein said base comprises a slot in an edge thereof extending to said pocket for insertion of the small

card into said pocket.

47. (previously presented) The microcircuit card assembly of claim 46, wherein said through-hole traverses said slot, said assembly further comprising a key ring that extends through said through-hole to hold said small card in said pocket when inserted therein.

48. (previously presented) The microcircuit card assembly of claim 43, wherein said preliminary base card is substantially rectangular with a length of about 85 mm and a width of about 54 mm (in compliance with ID-1 standard).

49. (previously presented) The microcircuit card assembly of claim 43, wherein said pocket has a width substantially equal to a width of said small card and a length at least as long as a length of said small card so that said small card is held entirely within said pocket when inserted therein.

50. (previously presented) The microcircuit card assembly of claim 43, wherein said base is more mechanically rigid than said small card.

51. (previously presented) The microcircuit card assembly of claim 43, wherein said base is permeable to electromagnetic energy received by said antenna so that said small card is fully operational when held entirely within said pocket.

52. (previously presented) The microcircuit card assembly of claim 43, wherein a periphery of said base is at least partially rounded.

53. (previously presented) A method of making a microcircuit card assembly, comprising the steps of:

providing a base with a pocket;

creating a through-hole in said base for receiving a key ring;

providing a preliminary base card larger than the pocket, the preliminary base card having a weakened line that delimits a small card that is detachable from the preliminary base card at the weakened line and being insertable into the pocket so as to be held entirely within said pocket when inserted therein, said small card having an antenna and a microcircuit; and

detaching the small card from the preliminary base card and inserting an entirety of the small card into the pocket.

54. (previously presented) The method of claim 53, further comprising the step of inserting a key ring through the through-hole.

55. (previously presented) The method of claim 53, wherein the small card is contactless.

56. (previously presented) The method of claim 53, wherein the base provided with a socket further comprises a slot extending from an edge of this base and extending to the pocket for insertion of the small card into the pocket.

57. (currently amended) The method of claim 56, wherein the through-hole traverses said slot, and ~~this~~ the method further comprises a step of inserting a key ring that extends through said through-hole to hold said small card in said pocket.

58. (previously presented) The method of claim 53, wherein the preliminary base card is substantially rectangular with a length of about 85 mm and a width of about 54 mm (in compliance with ID-1 standard).

59. (previously presented) The method of claim 53, wherein said pocket has a width substantially equal to a width of said small card and a length at least as long as a length of said small card so that said small card is held entirely within said pocket when inserted therein.

60. (previously presented) The method of claim 53, wherein said base is more mechanically rigid than said small card.

61. (currently amended) ~~[[the]]~~ The method of claim 53, wherein said base is permeable to electromagnetic energy received by said antenna so that said small card is fully

operational when held entirely within said pocket.

62. (previously presented) The method of claim 53,
wherein a periphery of said base is at least partially rounded.